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1. HAVE REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON VIET CONG PLANS TO DISRUPT ELECTIONS, AND REFTEL PROVIDED SAMPLING OF EARLY VIET CONG ACTIVITIES FOR USE WITH PRESS. THERE HAS BEEN SHARP INCREASE IN VIET CONG TERROR INCIDENTS SINCE SEPT 6, ACCOMPANIED BY GREATER PRESSURE ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND OTHER ROUTES OF COMMUNICATIONS ALL THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH WHAT WE HAVE KNOWN OF VIET CONG PLANS.

2. LISTED BELOW IS REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF TERROR

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INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE MORE OR LESS DIRECT CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF VIET CONG EFFORTS INTERDICT MAJOR ROADS. MANY OF THESE ARE COMMON KNOWLEDGE HERE AND SOME HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED BY VARIOUS JOURNALISTS. DEPARTMENT MAY FIND THIS

COMPILATION USEFUL IN BRIEFING PRESS THERE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ACTS OF TERROR ARE MERELY TIP OF ICEBURG VIET CONG ANTI-ELECTION EFFORT WHICH IS BASED MAINLY UPON SUB-SURFACE CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION CARRIED OUT IN SOME PROVINCES ON HAMLET-TO-HAMLET AND EVEN HOUSE-TO-HOUSE BASIS.

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3. A. IN CHAU DOC PROVINCE AT 020030H SEPT, VC DETONATED MINE AGAINST SCHOOL IN CHONG DONG VILLAGE, SEVERELY DAMAGING THE SCHOOL. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
B. IN THUA TIEN PROVINCE AT 062005H SEPT, THE VC THREW EXPLOSIVES INTO HUE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND WHERE A LECTURE ON THE ELECTION OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WAS BEING HELD, WOUNDING

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26 CIVILIANS. ACCOMPLICE OF BOMB-THROWER CAUGHT CARRYING FUSED EXPLOSIVE AND IMPLICATED 8 OTHER VC WHO WERE ARRESTED.
C. IN BINH UUONG PROVINCE (10 KM N SAIGON AT 020900H A VOTING OFFICE WAS BLOWN UP. 5 CIVILIANS WOUNDED.
D. IN GIA DINH PROVINCE AT 061330H SEPT, VC THREW EXPLOSIVES INTO THE CONG HOA HAMLET HEADQUARTERS (POLLING PLACE) WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
E. AT 060910H SEPT, VC THREW GRENADE AT VEHICLE TAKING PART IN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN CHOLON. 1. CIVILIAN WAS WOUNDED AND 2 VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED.
F. AT 061855 SEPT IN CHOLON TWO GRENADES THROWN AT CROWD LISTENING TO CAMPAIGN SPEECHES, ONLY ONE EXPLODED; I CIVILIAN WOUNDED.
G. GRENADE EXPLODED 062335 SEPT AT HOUSE OF CANDIDATE TRUONG VAN NGHIA (CHOLON) OF LIST VIII, SAIGON 3; LEAFLETS FOUND WARNING CANDIDATE TO WITHDRAW; NO CASUALTIES
H. POLLING PLACE IN GIA DINH PROVINCE NEAR TAN SON NHUT AIRFIELD BLOWN UP NIGHT SEPT 7; NO

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CASUALTIES.
I. IN BIEN HON PROVINCE AT 072215H SEPT UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AT CONG THANH; RESULTS: 1 NATIONAL POLICE KIA.
J. IN CHOLON AT 266A KHONG TU STREET AT 071125H SEPT, VC EXPLODED GRENADE WOUNDING 5 VN CIVILIANS, 2 OF WHOM WERE MEMBERS OF ELECTION CANDIDATE GROUP #7 PUTTING UP ELECTION POSTERS.

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E. IN CMD 5 KM S OF SAIGON SAMPAN LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES WAS FLOATED UNDER HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND EXPLODED AT 070030. BRIDGE MODERATELY DAMAGED.

5. COMMENT: THUS FAR VIET CONG TERROR HAS NOT REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS AS TO CAUSE SERIOUS CONCERN AND PREPARATIONS OF GVN SECURITY FORCES NEED TO BE SOUND. VC HAVE TWO DAYS LEFT TO TRY AND DISRUPT ELECTIONS. LOSGE.
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